

according to my capacity ; and was not free to ask any one, on that occasion, to sleep with me : nature was feeble ; but every tryal was a fresh incitement to give myself up wholly to the service of God, for I found no helper like him in times of trouble.

After awhile, my former acquaintance gave over expecting me as one of their company ; and I began to be known to some whose conversation was helpful to me : and now, as I had experienced the love of God, through Jesus Christ, to redeem me from many pollutions, and to be a succour to me through a sea of conflicts, with which no person was fully acquainted ; and as my heart was often enlarged in this heavenly principle, I felt a tender compassion for the youth, who remained entangled in snares like those which had entangled me from one time to another : this love and tenderness increased ; and my mind was more strongly engaged for the good of my fellow-creatures. I went to meetings in an awful frame of mind, and endeavoured to be inwardly acquainted with the language of the true Shepherd ; and one day, being under a strong exercise of spirit, I stood up, and said some words in a meeting ; but not keeping close to the divine opening, I said more than was required of me ; and being soon sensible of my error, I was afflicted in mind some weeks, without any light or comfort, even to that degree that I could not take satisfaction in any thing : I remembered God, and was troubled ; and, in the depth of my distress,